Killing of Dalits in Uttar Pradesh

519. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have obtained any report about the incident in which 6 dalits of villages Ikwara and Pali in Hastinapur region (Uttar Pradesh) were killed on January 6, 1997; including similar mass caste killings in the area before and after these killings;

(b) if so, whether all the culprits have been apprehended and brought to book and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction therein and the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the incident of mass killings of 5/6.1.97, three persons have been arrested by local police, one person surrendered in the court and action under sections 82/83 of Cr. PC is being taken against two accused persons. A Special Task Force has been constituted and every effort is being made to arrest the absconding accused. Similarily, in the incident of killings of persons in Bhikund village, Hastinapur Police Station, six persons have been arrested and action under sections 82/83 Cr. PC is being taken against one accused.

(c) In order to prevent recurrence of such incidents, 146 villages in the region have been identified as being sensitive where police presence and infrastructure have been strengthened. Numerous meetings have been held with various communities by the District Administration. The situation is being closely monitored by the State Government.

Explosives and detonators seized in Delhi

520. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether enormous amount of explosives and detonators were seized in Delhi on January 13, 1997; and

(b) if so, the details of the seizure; and the persons apprehended in connection therewith and the disruptive plans if any, unearthed as a result of investigations made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Delhi Police seized 10 Kgs. of RDX, 4 Timer pencils, 10 detonators, 4 switch fuses and one primer explosive cord from a private premises in South Delhi on the 13th January, 1997 and arrested four persons. One of the accused persons is reported to have revealed in the course of investigation that the explosive was provided by a henchman of "Daud Ibrahim" for the purpose of causing explosions in Delhi on the occasion of Republic Day, 1997.

Seizure of explosives by Mehsana Police

521. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the recent haul of RDX, explosives and other incendiaries worth over Rs. 3 crore by Mehsana Police, Government saw a possible repeat of the grisly serial blasts that rocked Mumbai in March, 1993 having been averted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the persons apprehended in connection therewith, and the modus operandi of the gang behind these operations; and

(d) whether part of this consignment of RDX and explosive had found its way to different other parts of the country, resulting in ghastly explosions in railway

trains and Delhi markets etc. if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Mehsana district Police had ammunition:

RDX	—	4 Kgs.
Pistols	—	115 (Nos.)
Magazine	—	113 Nos.
Cartridges	—	750 Nos.
Detonators	—	10 Nos.

(c) As per information available the police has so far arrested the following persons in this connection:

(i) Mohd. Fazal S/o Mohd. Ashrat r/o 34/70 Chirag Chi Mohalla. Dungarpura. Khadim Mohalla. Ajmer;

(ii) Popatbhai Veersinhbhai Chaudhary, r/o village Bamasona, Taluk Mehsana Gujarat;

(iii) Praveenbhai Prahladbhai Patel of Gerajpur, district Mehsana;

The consignment was reportedly smuggled on the directions of one Abdul Majid, presently staying in Dubai and supplied to Mohd. Fazal by Sipah-e-Sabiha, a fundamentalist organisation in Pakistan.

(d) There is no definite input to this effect.

Paramilitary forces for Andhra Pradesh

522. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Union Government to despatch additional 50 companies of Central paramilitary forces to beef up security in the naxalite infested areas of the State;

(b) whether the Union Government have accepted the request of State Government; and

(c) if so, details thereof and if not reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Central Para Military Forces are made available to the States to assist them in maintaining public order. The levels of deployment depend upon the requirement of each State and overall availability of the Force. Central Para Military Forces have also been made available to the Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, it may not to be appropriate to indicate the details of Forces or level of deployment in public interest

Reactivating National Development Council and the Inter-State Council

523. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to reactivate and energise the National Development Council and the Inter-State Council;

(b) the present status of these institutions; and

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The Inter-State Council set up in the year 1990 under article 263 of the Constitution of India held its second meeting on October 15, 1996 after a gap of about six years. During this meeting, the Inter-State Council recommended that there should be a Standing Committee of the Council for continuous consultations and processing of matters for the consideration of the Council. The Standing Committee has since been constituted vide MHA Notification No. 7/4/96-ISC dated December 5, 1996. The Standing Committee will:—

(i) have continuous consultation and process matters for consideration of the Council;